THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is applicable to the rural areas of the country only.

In the urban areas the Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 01.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Alleviation of poverty in tribal regions

t1922. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any schemes to alleviate poverty prevalent in the tribal regions of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) In the urban areas, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is implementing and employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, including Madhya Pradesh, with effect from 01.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

Special attention is given to women, persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and disabled persons under SJSRY. Under the

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Scheme, Scheduled Tribes must be benefited at least to the extent of the proportion of their strength in the local population.

Implementation of welfare schemes in AP

1923. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH. Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken review of the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna, National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents, Integrated Low Cost Sanitation and Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the conclusions thereof, indicating the achievements under these projects; and

(c) the number of persons/families benefited during the last three years from each of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Schemes are mainly being reviewed/monitored through Quarterly Progress Report received from States/UTs through field visits of senior officers as well as by holding meetings with the States/UTs/various stake holders. As a result of this, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna (VAMBAY) has been subsumed in the Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) that was launched along with the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3-12-2005. Various suggestions received for modification of the VAMBAY guideline and the outcome of the review meetings have been appropriately incorporated in the guidelines of IHSDP. Further the Night Shelter Scheme has been transferred to the State Sector with effect from 1-4-2005.

(c) The details of various achivements and number of persons benefited etc. under each of the schemes, during the last three years, are given in the enclosed Statement.